

Jerome Jt. District #261

Jerome County
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R. James Cobble, Superintendent

District Characteristics 1997-98

Fall Enrollment 1997-98	3,134	Special Education:	
Average Daily Attendance	2,895	Special Education Students	316
State Ranking per ADA	21	Gifted and Talented Students	23
Number of Schools (sites):		Number of LEP Students**	342
Elementary	4	National School Lunch Program:	
Secondary	3	% Average Daily Participation	70%
Number of Schools:		% Free and Reduced Meals	39%
Accredited	5	Average Lunch Price - Elementary	\$1.25
Accredited with Comment	0	Average Lunch Price - Secondary	\$1.35
Advised & Advised with Comment	0	Pupil Transportation Program:	
Warned	0	Average Daily Ridership 1996-97	1,372
High School Graduates:		Contracted Operation	
High School Diplomas-Regular	180	* Certificates of Completion issued at a district level	
Other Completions*	0	** Limited English Speaking (LEP)	

Superintendent's Highlights

A major disappointment for the 1997/98 school year was the voters' rejection of a \$13.93 million bond levy. This was the third election in 18 months and each attempt received over 60% voter approval but did not meet the 2/3 super majority yes vote as required by the Idaho Constitution. A community survey conducted after the last bond indicated the #1 reason for the defeat was the method of taxation to support a bond levy.

The district continues to be recognized as a state leader in the areas of technology, staff development, and reading improvement programs in our elementary schools. Horizon Elementary has been recognized by the Institute of Academic Excellence as the first Reading Renaissance model school in the State of Idaho.

Jerome School District has a very positive and productive relationship with the Albertson Foundation. This year, we were successful in receiving assistance with the Idaho Management of Change Project, and the Excellent Teacher for the 21st Century Initiative. We also received a \$146,000 Albertson Grant to assist us with our goals of 100% participation in Reading Renaissance/Accelerated Reading in all elementary schools.

Progress Towards Meeting District Goals

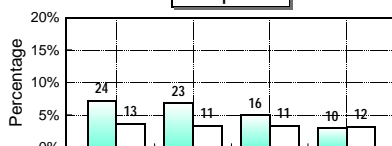
1997-98 Goals	Progress
Promote the renewal of a ten year plant facility levy	Jerome School District successfully passed a \$200,000 ten year Plan Facility Levy in September 1997. This levy passed with a 75% voter approval rate.
Publicize the effectiveness of Jerome School District's vision and implementation of technology.	Jerome School District, in conjunction with Boise State University, is currently conducting eight separate K-12 evaluation studies of students to determine if technology truly accelerates the rate and increases the degree of learning. We have also developed and adopted a K-12 technology scope and sequence.

Student Profiles

Ethnicity

Race	Male	Female	Total
White	40.61%	38.44%	79.05%
Black	0.12%	0.12%	0.24%
Hispanic	8.18%	12.16%	20.34%
Nat. Amer.	0.16%	0.03%	0.19%
Asian	0.06%	0.12%	0.18%
Total	49.13%	50.87%	100.00%

Dropouts



Year	Grd. 9	Grd. 10	Grd. 11	Grd. 12
96-97	7.21%	6.80%	4.98%	2.95%
97-98	3.68%	3.33%	3.33%	3.25%

Numbers in graph represent actual dropout counts per grade

Pursue the J. A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation support for the Management of Change Project.

Jerome School District was successful in becoming a participating district in the Idaho Management of Change Project. Jerome staff, students and patrons attended several training workshops and conducted 29 community information forums with approximately 500 people attending. We are now in the process of analyzing data and developing an action plan for improvements.

Financial Information 1997-98

	M & O Fund	%	All Funds	%
Revenues:				
Local Taxes	\$1,411,652	12.38%	\$2,166,009	15.06%
Other Sources	192,118	1.69%	812,882	5.65%
State	9,797,082	85.93%	10,167,455	70.68%
Federal	0	0.00%	1,237,857	8.61%
Total	\$11,400,852	100.00%	\$14,384,203	100.00%

Supplemental Information:

Property Tax Replacement	\$459,490
Lottery Revenues	\$124,144
Technology Grant	\$122,606

	Total	%	ADA	Rank
Expenditures:				
M & O Instruction	\$7,257,011	65.70%		
M & O Support Programs	3,736,792	33.83%		
M & O Other	52,347	0.47%		
Total M & O	\$11,046,150	100.00%	\$3,815	109
Total ALL Funds	\$14,191,936	100.00%	\$4,902	106

Tax Levies at 9-1-97

	Total	Per ADA	Rank
Property Market Values	\$459,669,932	\$158,774	75
Total M & O Levy	0.003070412		67
Total School Levy	0.004743169		75

Staff Data 1997-98

District Personnel:	FTE	ADA to FTE	Teachers Salaries:	Rank
Elementary Teachers	89.86	17	Beginning Salary on Schedule	\$19,715
Secondary Teachers	69.60	19	Highest Salary on Schedule	\$39,680
Administrators	12.39	234	Average Elementary Teacher's Salary	\$30,488 59
Other Certified Staff	11.20	258	Average Secondary Teacher's Salary	\$30,136 69
Total Certified Staff	183.05	16	Superintendent's Salary	\$73,961 33
Total Non-Certified Staff	93.26	31		

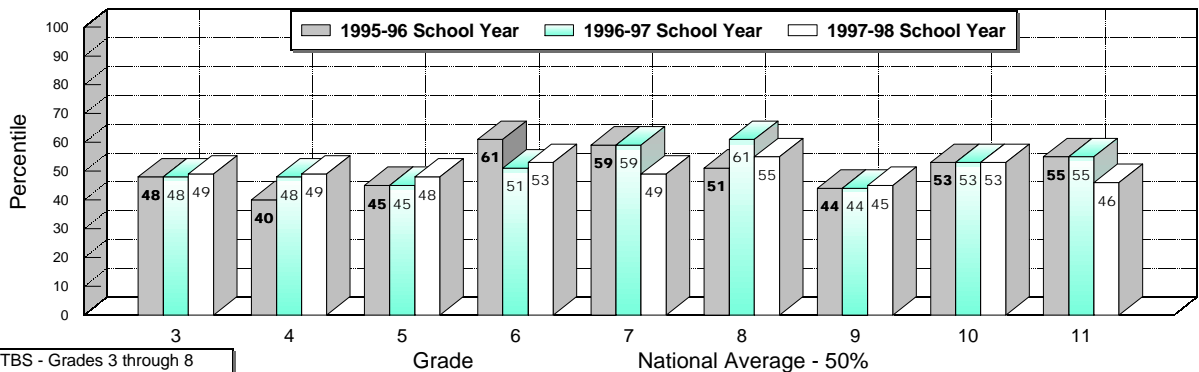
Note: Rank represents how this district compares to the other 111 public school districts in the State of Idaho; high to low (1 being the highest).
 "Totals" may not sum due to rounding.



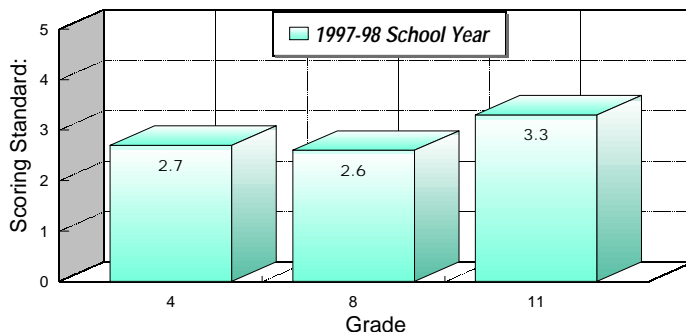
Testing Information 1997-98

Standard Testing Results

ITBS and TAP

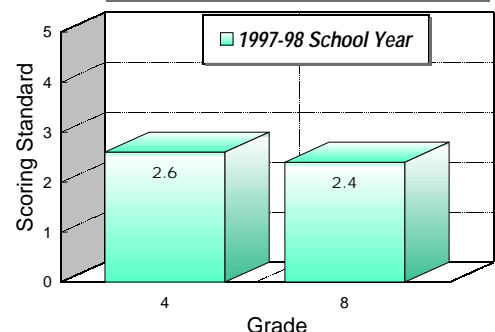


Direct Writing Assessment



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Direct Math Assessment



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